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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thomas Szymanski

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/13/02, 12/24/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-26 have been examined.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.
3. The applicant is requested to review the specification and update the status of all co-pending applications made mention of, replacing attorney docket numbers with current U.S. application or patent numbers when appropriate. References to U.S. applications or patents should make it clear as to what the number refers (e.g. U.S. Patent No. #), instead of listing only the number.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1- 26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Verisign Authentication Services.
6. Regarding Claims 1 and 7: Service provider containing a plurality of entity sites (Verisign Authentication Services lines 2-5)
Conglomerated certificate provided by a third party (Verisign Authentication Services lines 2-5)

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Means for entity to convert conglomerated certificate to individual certificate for the entities site (Verisign Authentication Services lines 2-6)

7. Regarding Claims 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 18: Plurality of conversion tokens pre-purchased from trusted third party (Verisign Authentication Services lines 5-10) The system as provided for in order to provide for functionality must be able to allow the client to purchase the product prior to use thus providing for pre-purchasing the rights of use. This pre-purchase is comprised of means for the dissemination of such rights to the client as such there is a tool that must provide a code for proper allowance of activation and further to disallow usage beyond that which is normally granted thereby decrementing the rights of that code after initial allowance of use.

8. Regarding Claims 3, 5, 19, and 22: seal evidencing the entity site's authentication displayed on client computer (Verisign Authentication Services lines 3-6) a seal is representative of a plug-in-module as the seal must be downloaded and plugged into the browser for purposes of display.

9. Regarding Claims 4, 6, 20, 21, 23, and 24: clicking the seal results in authentication information being displayed (Verisign Authentication Services lines 5-10, Verisign THEFLAGBOX.com lines 1-24) As stated when the seal is activated it displays the provided splash page as defined. Additionally, as stated previously a seal is representative of a plug-in-module as it provides for the exact same functionality of displaying authentication evidence and activation upon clicking by the user.

10. Regarding Claims 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17: Tool appended to URL of a computer, domain name presented to third party, domain name used to access whois database, proof of right

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database accessed based upon provided information (Verisign THEFLAGBOX.com lines 1-24)

As defined by the provided document the domain name is authenticated via the prescribed investigation that is inclusive of all that is stated above, the stated investigation as provided for and the specified tool must be appended in a manner consistent with attachment with the URL of the participant computers.

11. Claims 25 and 26 are computer readable medium implementations of claims 1-24. As such claims 25 and 26 are rejected on the same basis.

Conclusion

12. The reference denoted as THEFLAGBOX.com within the IDS and References cited is used as a definition of the stated splash page presented within the Verisign Authentication Services document.

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is reminded that in amending in response to a rejection of claims, the patentable novelty must be clearly shown in view of the state of art disclosed by the references cited and the objections made. Applicant must show how the amendments avoid such references and objections. See 37 CFR 1.111(c).


14. Inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas M. Szymanski who can be reached at (571) 272-8574. The examiner's normal working schedule is between the hours 8:00am – 4:30pm (EST), Monday – Friday.

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15. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse, can be reached at (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

16. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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